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TAGS: ETRD, CA, US

SUBJECT: DUTY-FREE IMPORTS

REF: OTTAWA 1007

1. BILL IN QUESTION, H.R. 11797, WAS INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN MILLS DEC. 5, 1973. IT WOULD AMEND ITEM 812.25 OF TARIFF SCHEDULES OF U.S. (19 USC 1202) TO DENY DUTY-FREE ENTRY FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR CIGARETTES BROUGHT INTO THE U.S. BY NON-RESIDENTS AS GIFTS. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NON-RESIDENTS TO BRING IN UP TO ONE WINE GALLON OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DOES NOT STIPULATE QUANTITATIVE LIMITATION ON CIGARETTES AS GIFTS.

2. BILL WOULD ALSO AMEND TSUS 813.30 TO LIMIT RETURNING RESIDENTS TO 200 DUTY-FREE CIGARETTES FOR PERSONAL USE.

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CURRENT LAW DOES NOT STIPULATE QUANTITATIVE LIMITATION ON

CIGARETTES FOR PERSONAL USE.

3- EFFECT OF MILLS BILL IS TO PUT NON-RESIDENTS AND RETURNING RESIDENTS ON MORE EQUAL FOOTING AS REGARDS DUTY EXEMPTION, SINCE TSUS 812.20 ALLOWS NON-RESIDENTS TO IMPORT FOR PERSONAL USE UP TO ONE QUART OF ALCOHOL AND AN AMOUNT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE ALLOWANCE OF A RETURNING RESIDENT.

4. FYI: DEPARTMENT IS ADVISED THAT PURPOSE OF BILL IS TO PREVENT SURREPTITIOUS ENTRY OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS UNDER DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES. CANADIAN BORDER IS AREA OF MAJOR CONCERN, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF REPORTED OPENING OF 10 DUTY-FREE SHOPS AT POINTS ALONG BORDER. END FYI.

5. BILL HAS BEEN ORDERED REPORTED TO FLOOR OF HOUSE AND WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER EASTER RECESS. KISSINGER

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